

Annex 1

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In re: Joël Sternheimer  
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PROTEIN BIOSYNTHESIS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**RULE 132 DECLARATION  
OF JOËL STERNHEIMER**

Sir:

I, JOËL STERNHEIMER, do hereby declare and say as follows:

1. That I am a graduate of Paris, Lyons and Princeton Universities and received my degrees in the years 1964, 1966 and 1967 (Doctorate in 1966).  
My Curriculum Vitae and the list of publications are attached thereto (Annexes 1 and 2).
2. That it clearly emerges from the Invention as now defined that it does not lack utility: the method of the invention allows and controls the *in situ* regulation of the synthesis of selected protein. It was undertaken by Mr. Pedro Ferrandiz under my supervision to stimulate the growth of blue-green algae -prokaryotes, genus *Anabaena*- by epigenetic regulation. Their photosynthetic activity involves in particular pigmentary proteins (cyanins). Thus their biosynthesis is easily observed through color change and oxygen release.

We want to point out that this first attempt of stimulation in an aquatic medium is relatively simple to reproduce. We believe that the results obtained are particularly promising. One may add the fact that it points towards numerous applications.

- Materials and methods

- Dilution of 12 ml of *Anabaena variabilis* (stock provided by the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Paris) in 1 500 ml of mineral water.
- Addition of 40 g of dry vegetable manure containing 8%, say 2.6 g, of nitrates as well as 40 g of river pebbles (as suggested by Vincent Bargoin this would provide the solution with trace elements).
- Adaptation time to the cultures medium: four days.
- Transfer of 750 ml of the solution in two vats subjected to natural enlightenment.  
This setting in culture started on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April.

*Musical diffusions.*

The music has been diffused in one of the vats, by mean of an aquatic speaker Altec UW-30, while the other vat served as a control.

The proteins transcribed in musical sequences were the following:

- TAPE I (45 min)
  - NIF H of *Anabaena v.* (five times)
  - Allophycocyanin of *Anabaena v.* (three times)
  - Plastocyanin of *Anabaena v.* (three times)
  - Nitrate reductase of *Chorella s.* (three times)
  - PS1 photosystem protein of *Anabaena v.* (three times) (\*)
  - Ferredoxin of *Anabaena v.* (five times)
  - Protein 35 K of *Anabaena v.* (eight times) (\*)
- TAPE II (15 min)
  - Allophycocyanin of *Anabaena v.* (two times)
  - Plastocyanin of *Anabaena v.* (two times)
  - PS1 photosystem protein of *Anabaena v.* (three times) (\*)
  - Ferredoxin of *Anabaena v.* (four times)
  - Protein 35 K of *Anabaena v.* (eight times).
- TAPE III (15 min)
  - Ferredoxin of *Anabaena v.* (two times)
  - NIF H of *Anabaena v.* (three times)

NIF A of Anabeana v. (three times) (\*)

NIF D of Anabeana v. (three times) (\*)

Nitrate reductase of Chlorella s. (three times)

Protein 35 K of Anabeana v. (two times) (\*).

The transcriptions had been realized by J. Sternheimer on a sampler Casio SK1 apart from those labelled (\*) which were made by P. Ferrandiz on a « One Key Play » software written by Sylvie Guillou and Fabrice Ocelli (INSERM St-Anne, Paris). The rate of the transpositions is tuned so as to make their length correspond to the photoperiods of the micro-organisms.

Tape I was played twice a day, from the 30<sup>th</sup> of April to the 5<sup>th</sup> of May. Then from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of May TAPE II was played in the morning while TAPE III was played in the evening.

During this period the viability of the micro-organisms was regularly controlled: Samples were drawn from the cultures and then checked under a microscope.

• Results (Annex 3)

- Evolution of the coloration of cultures (Figure 1)

One poured in the vats the solutions looked opaque (after tossing).

This was due to the manure mentionned above, the dilution rate of the original stock but also to the spread of a fibrous contaminant which was not characterized.

From the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of listening the musical vat presented a greater proportion of suspending matter than the control one. However this trend reversed itself by the 4<sup>th</sup> day. We therefore assumed that the musical exposures had been too long and we decided to abort the diffusion of Tape I.

Instead Tapes II and III have been used. We then observed on May 8<sup>th</sup> that the tint of the cultures in the musical vat displayed a green blue coloration more pronounced than those in the control vat (Figure 2).

This trend kept increasing up to the end of the experiment.

- Oxygen release.

Ten days after the end of the period of diffusion the musical cultures became characterized by a proliferation of bubbles at the surface (Figure 3).

Since these bubbles had the property to revive the flame of a lighted match which was put close by, we concluded they contained oxygen. On May 24<sup>th</sup> there were about 70 surface bubbles and on the 28<sup>th</sup> they were 130 (Figure 4). We point out that the maximum number of visible bubbles observed in the control vat is 8. Hence there is more than a factor 16 between the two cultures with respect to oxygen release. In fact the medium of the musical culture was saturated with oxygen at the end of the observation time. Clearly this is correlated to an increase of the photosynthetic activity in the musical vat. It indicates that while the oxygen was released some carbonated composites have been fixed (Figure 5, taken six months later). Thus this particular application of the epigenetic regulation process led to an interesting depollutive system. This should beget further interests.

Other experiences showing the utility of the instant invention are herewith attached (Annexes 4-8).

As regards a garden experience: See Annex 9.

Figure 1 of this Annex 9 also attached is a comparative test:

On the left side (control): non treated tomatoes

On the right side: tomatoes having received during 16 days 3 minutes per day, the music of protein of anti-drought protein TAS14. Both control tomatoes and the treated tomatoes having 1 1/2 litres of water per plant per day.

3. The undersigned petitioner declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

4. Further declarant saith not.

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\* Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures de Mathématiques approfondies ( $\approx$  M.  
Sc. Mathematics) (Paris, 1964).

\* Licencié ès sciences mathématiques ( $\approx$  B. Sc. Mathematics)  
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other countries including AIPO, Australia and Russia).

\* Philips Science Prize Laureate, 1999.

Until 1967: student and researcher at Lyons, Paris and  
Princeton universities; publications, doctorate on elementary  
particles.

1967 to 1971: following U. S. funds shortcuts due to the  
Vietnam war, I decided to pursue my theoretical physics research  
(for which Louis de Broglie had sent me to Princeton) as an  
independent researcher; then living mainly from author and  
composer royalties (admitted to the Society of Music Authors,  
Composers and Editors, 1967 and to the Society of Dramatic Authors  
and Composers, 1968): records, concerts, plays, movies..

1971 to 1974: teaching of my researches' first results at  
Vincennes (University Paris-VIII), Jerusalem (Hebrew University &  
Van Leer Foundation) and Paris (E.S.C.P.).

1974 to 1978: author and composer (records, concerts...), and  
pursuing of the independent research work.

1978 to 1984: full-time independent researcher: publications,  
patent, seminars (Collège de France...).

1984: scientific counselor at the Cité des Sciences et de  
l'Industrie (Paris), with patent license conceded.

1986 to 1988: director of seminars at the Collège  
International de Philosophie (Paris); co-organizer of the  
Colloquium "Louis de Broglie, physicien et penseur" on the  
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1988-1999: full-time independent researcher; patent filed in  
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*Scientific papers by Joël Sternheimer*

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*Musique des particules élémentaires*, le Cahier du Collège international de philosophie n° 3, 180 (1987).

*Intervention au Colloque International "Louis de Broglie, physicien et penseur"*, Ancienne Ecole Polytechnique, Paris 1987 (à paraître).

*Procédé de régulation épigénétique de la biosynthèse des protéines par résonance d'échelle*, french patent n° 92 06765 (publication n° 2 691 976, granted 13.07.95), european n° 93 913 082.9 (publication n° 0 648 275), Israel n° 105855, Tunisia n° SN.93.063 (holder V. Bargoin, granted under n° 16704), PCT n° PCT/FR 93/00524 (publication n° WO 93/24645, 12/9/93), including AIPO (13 countries) n° 60587 (granted 12.18.96, under n° 10113), Australia n° 48848/93 (granted 10.16.97, under n° 679181), Japan n° 6-500268, (publication n° 7-507287), Corea n° 94-704444, Canada n° 2,136,737, Russia n° 94046307.00 (granted 12.8.97, under n° RU 2113487), U.S.A. n° S.N. 08/347.353.

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